



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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November 8, 2020 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

**5:30pm St. MARK Mass
at SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**

Actions and Consequences

Wisdom 6:12-16 The Availability of Wisdom to Those Who Seek

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-81

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Resurrection of the Dead

Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the Ten Virgins

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Bookkeeper: Marilis Bennett Ph. 907-590-9291

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Reconciliation: Confessions at SHC, Sat. 3 -4pm.

Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

Contact Mary Pat Boger at stmar@cbna.org

Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

Parish Council: Cynthia Klepaski, John Fox, Marilis Bennett, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - November 2020:



Artificial Intelligence

We pray that by the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.

Anointing of the Sick – If you or a family member are sick, going into the hospital, or a nursing home – please contact Fr. Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger if you wish to be included in our special intentions, prayers or wish to receive communion or a visit.

Welcome to our parish! A warm welcome to all our visitors. We support Catholic Students attending UAF. Due COVID protocols, Sacred Heart Cathedral is our temporary home. If you wish to make St. Mark University Catholic Parish your home, please register by contacting Mary Pat Boger @ stmark@cbna.org .

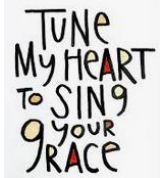
November 8th Songs for Sunday:

554 Sing Out, Earth and Skies

645 Come to the River

603 Come to the Water

609 Shall We Gather at the River



Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

St. Mark University Catholic Parish Mass Sunday 5:30pm Mass is now held at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

For other mass times please check the bottom of our bulletin. Attend a mass that fits your schedule.

RIDES PROVIDED BY CSA: Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564) to arrange a ride to attend off campus Mass and Catholic activities. Check parish websites for activities.

<http://www.stmarksuaf.org>



CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF OUR STROM SCHOLARSHIP!

The 2020 winners are Madeline Andriesen - \$500 and Rhys Kerhouant - \$300. St. Mark Parish

wishes you both the best and hopes this helps you in your education goals!

GOOD STEWARDSHIP FOR STUDENTS.

God is calling you today in your classroom, especially during these challenging times in 2020. God is asking something of us each day. It may be through a classmate, a teacher, or a circumstance. Be open and stay mindful of all who cross your path each day. Someone very important to your life may cross your path, never to return. Don't miss these opportunities given to you.

RCIA Classes for those interested in coming into the Catholic Church or wanting to refresh their knowledge are held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm. Bring a Friend!

Nov. 12, 2020: Chancellor White to host forum with interim President Pitney – 1-2pm, Online.

https://news.uaf.edu/chancellor-white-to-host-forum-with-interim-president-pitney-nov-12/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cornerstone-nov-6-2020_2088

Neighboring Parish News

Veteran's Day Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 7:00pm-8:00pm.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center Virtual Event. A faith-based, non-profit organization committed to loving women, men, and families in their reproductive journey. We believe that the love of Christ empowers us to affect the pro-life movement through vital education, essential FREE pregnancy & parenting services, and community support. Join us on the evening of November 13th, 14th, or 15th, at the time of your choosing, for non-event of the year. This event is free of charge. Any donations made directly support the life-affirming work of FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center. We can't wait to see you there! RSVP at www.FYNDoutFree.com/virtual-banquet or call 907.455.8255

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Fairbanks Court
(ICC, St. Raphael, Sacred Heart Cathedral & St. Mark)
Next meeting to be determined. Looking for new daughters! Contact Nancy Kelly:
straphaelcatholicparish@gmail.com



Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen
needs **volunteers** to help prepare sack lunches and **donations of lunch items.**
Contact Nick Shamrell @
iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org

SAVE THE DATES:

Advent Retreat - Nov 30-Dec 3

Join the local priests of the diocese for an Advent retreat focusing on the four last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell. Each evening at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 6:30pm, the homily for Mass will focus on our preparation for the coming of the Lord at the end of time as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

Each Sunday during Advent at 4:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, join us for sung Evening Prayer.

Advent Reconciliation Services

Each service will be 2 hours in length with Adoration only so people can come and go

- Dec 9 6:30pm Mass at SHC - Confessions 7-9pm
- Dec 15 Confessions 7:00-9:00pm St. Raphael
- Dec 16 Confessions 7:00-9:00pm St Nicholas

Prayers During Priestly Vesting and the Meaning of Vestments

In conclusion, prayers are used by priests in vesting for Mass to prepare themselves for the celebration with the necessary recollection of the symbolism of liturgical vestments. It is possible to use different prayers, or simply lift one's mind up to God. Prayers while vesting call to mind the particular vows that a priest professes on the day of his ordination and asks God for strength to remain faithful to them. <https://www.simplycatholic.com/what-is-the-priest-wearing/>

Vatican Extends Plenary Indulgence for the Dead Throughout November

Please see the link below. The Apostolic Penitentiary has extended the plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased for the whole month of November. Sacramental confession, reception of the Holy Eucharist and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father are still required.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/10/23/201023b.html>

Plenary Indulgence is an aid for the real conversion that leads to eternal happiness. The granting of an indulgence by the church is "the expression of the church's full confidence of being heard by the Father when, in view of Christ's merits and, by his gift, those of Our Lady and the saints, she asks him to mitigate or cancel the painful aspect of punishment by fostering its medicinal aspect through other channels of grace," the late pope said.

Commentary on the Readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

"When Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a din, He said,



'Begone, the girl is asleep, not dead.' And they laughed Him to scorn. But when the crowd had been put out, He went in and took her by the hand; and the girl arose" (Gospel).

Notice the small flute-playing figures at the left. They represent *the crowd* of people who laugh their Creator *to scorn*. Yet how often we move among them, enjoying what we call "life," even though we may be spiritually dead.

The trumpet-blowing angel at the right, summoning the dead to life, represents how Jesus, after *the crowd has been put out* by us, raises His *Hand* over us in absolution, extends His *Hand* to us in Holy Communion. St. Paul, too, warns us against these; enemies *of the cross of Christ* whose *end is ruin*, whose *god is the belly*."

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Stewardship Moment for Nov 8, 2020

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Connecting the Gospel

...to the First Reading: The First Reading reveals that wisdom is a virtue given to all those who seek her, Even before our desire and our watching for wisdom, she comes to us.

In the Gospel, the Bridegroom's coming is assured even before we desire or watch for the Bridegroom.

... to experience: We rarely, if ever, view our daily Christian living in light of the final coming of Christ. But his final coming is, in fact, the promise that gives ultimate meaning to our daily behavior and our ongoing hope. *Working with the Word* <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Special Prayer Intentions: Pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski, our priests, religious and all who serve in our Diocese. For all Catholics, especially those in RCIA or sacramental classes for becoming more fully into the Catholic church. We pray for all our parishioners, the elderly, sick and compromised unable to attend Mass in person. Students and all associated with the education of students. Members of St. Mark Parish.

Parish Support

For the Week ending Nov. 1, 2020

Total: \$ 1,372.00

Checks: \$ 0/Cash \$122/WeShare \$1,205

Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$18,749.05

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

(Spiritual & Financial)

Donations can be made by any of the following methods:

Basket: Put in basket at entrance of church at SHC;

Mail: St. Mark UAF Catholic Parish PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166 or **Online:** Go to our Parish website www.stmarksuaf.org and click on "WeShare".

SACRAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF FIRSTCOMMUNION & PENANCE



First Communion is the second of the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church, one of the three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) – the *foundations* of our Christian life. It is considered one of the most important occasions in a Roman Catholic's life. We receive Jesus Christ, who gives Himself to us in His body, blood, soul, and divinity. This intimate union with Christ both signifies and strengthens our union with Him and His Church

Jesus did not abandon us when He ascended into Heaven. We worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during the Mass, at Eucharistic Adoration, and where He is present in the tabernacle. But one of the most important and intimate ways that we share in His presence is when we receive Holy Communion where we are united more closely to Jesus. He has given us his most precious gift - a sign that we are living in communion with His Church, following the teachings that Jesus has handed down to us.

Each time we receive the Holy Communion well, we not only receive the Body of Christ, but become more deeply united To Christ in His Body, the Church. The great gift calls for great preparation and invites us to give the rest of our lives to Jesus as well. We must first receive forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a valuable preparation and churches provide times in advance as we prepare for communion. *Check parishes for scheduled times for confession. If you can't make these times, contact one of the following: Fr. Robert 374-9504; Fr. Ross 474-9032; Fr. Tom 452-3533; or Fr. Welcome 488-2595.*

Confession isn't the only requirement for receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. The Sacrament of Baptism must have been received as well. A child, or any person, who is not baptized cannot receive communion.

St. Mother Teresa also has words for you and your family: "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. **If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist...**"



Have a safe week! Take time to say a prayer of thanks for moisture for next summer....and pray that our backs don't give out before then! Thinking positively - no more complaining about mosquitoes and heat!

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Go to *Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website* to see recorded and life-streamed masses and parish websites:

<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: *4:30pm (*=Live Streamed)

Sunday: 8:00 & *11:00am

Sunday Spanish Mass: 1:00pm

St. Mark Sunday Mass: 5:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:30am

Thursday *7:00pm

Confessions Heard: Sat 3:00-4:00pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thu: 8am-12noon

<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

Immaculate Conception 452-3533

***All masses are live streamed.**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass: 12:10pm

Wed: 5:30pm, followed by Adoration & Confession

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

Saint Raphael 457-6603

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am – (Inside Church)

Weekday: Tues, Thurs Mass 9:30am; Wed 5:30pm

<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

Sign up required to attend for Weekend Masses.

<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>

Saturday Vigil: *5:00pm – *Specifically for the Elderly and Vulnerable*

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:45am Prayer & Mass;

*Wed 6pm Mass & Adoration w/Rosary

<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Please consider whether you may be a person God is calling to service through Priesthood or Religious life. Our diocesan vocations director is Fr. Robert Fath. He can be reached at vocations@cbna.org.

Loving Jesus,

*We ask you to send more servants to your people.
Choose from our parishes, from our homes, from
our schools and colleges,
An abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom
Here in Alaska: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons
and lay ministers.*

*We pray that those you call may never lose
awareness of the dignity and need of their
vocation.*

*O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
Teach to all those the Master calls to say a joyful
“yes”, as you did at the Annunciation.*

LOVE, INC

The GAP (God Always Provides) Ministry for **November is Winter Gear Closet Month**

Hats, Gloves/Mittens, Warm Boots, Coats of all Sizes, Scarves, Ear Muffs, Socks, and Long Underwear.

You can drop off donations at

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

1030 2nd Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701

<https://www.loveincfairbanks.org/>

CONTINUE TO PRAY AFTER ELECTIONS:

Prayer is needed after we vote: for our state and nation, for those who will serve as our elected officials, and for our own hearts, that we might be able to accept the results of the election, and will continue to work for life and dignity every day of the year, regardless of who is in office. Voting is one component of faithful citizenship, but faithful citizenship is a responsibility for the other 364 days of the year as well. After the election, the big work of renewing the political life of our state and our nation begins.

YOU KNOW, SOME OF JESUS' STORIES ARE KIND OF UNBELIEVABLE!



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

YOU THINK?



YEAH! STAYING UP ALL NIGHT WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN? REALLY!?



MATTHEW 25:1-13